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SUBJECT ONTARIO TO REQUIRE REFILLABLE SOFT DRINK CONTAINERS

1. EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1977 ONTARIO RETAILER SELLING SOFT DRINKS IN THROW AWAY CONTAINERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO STOCK THE SAME BRANDS, FLAVORS AND SIZES IN REFILLABLE BOTTLES, ACCORDING TO NEW PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS ANNOUNCED BY ENVIRONMENT MINISTER GEORGE KERR. AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1976, ALL RETAILERS SELLING SOFT DRINKS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ACCEPT CLEAN REFILLABLE SOFT DRINK CONTAINERS, REFUND DEPOSITS, AND DISPLAY GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES PROMOTING THE USE OF REFILLABLE CONTAINERS.

2. PULL TOPS ON SOFT DRINK CANS WILL BE BANNED EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 1977, AND ON BEER CANS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1977.

3. AS OF APRIL 1, 1977, BARS AND TAVERNS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM USING NON-REFILLABLE SOFT DRINK CONTAINERS SMALLER THAN 480 MILLILITERS

(12 OUNCES). EFFECTIVE THE SAME DATE THE MANUFACTURE OF SOFT DRINK REFILLABLE BOTTLES IN ONTARIO WILL BE RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING SIZES: 20 MILLILITERS (APPROX. 7 OZ.) FOR USE IN LIQUOR OUTLETS ONLY; 300 ML. (10.5 OZ.); 750 ML. (26.5 OZ.); ONE LITER (35.5 OZ.); AND 1.5 LITERS (53.5 OZ.). NO RETAILER WILL BE PERMITTED TO SELL MORE THAN 3 SIZES IN ANY BRAND AND

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FLAVOR.

4. AT THIS TIME THE REGULATIONS DO NOT AFFECT CONTAINERS
DISPENSED BY VENDING MACHINES, BUT THE MINISTER SAID THE INDUSTRY
WILL BE EXPECTED TO REPLACE ITS 284 ML.(10 OZ.)CANS WITH 300
ML. CANS.

5. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, 60 PERCENT OF ONTARIO SOFT DRINK
CONTAINERS IN 1975 WERE THROW AWAY, TOTALING 1.3 BILLIN BOTTLES AND
CANS.
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